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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: SREF (DUMITRU CIOATA AND ELENA CIOATA)

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM

REF: STATE 8483

1. THERE IS NO WAY FOR EMBASSY CONVENIENTLY TO CHECK ON STATUS OF HUSBAND IN YUGOSLAVIA. SUGGEST INS CHECK ON TYPE OF VISA(S) ENTERED IN HIS PASSPORT. IF HE IS NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITHIN SUP (POLICE) EVERY 3 OF 6 MONTHS, HE IS PROBABLY PERMANENT RESIDENT.

2. "FREEDOM" TO WORSHIP WITHIN CONFINES OF YUGOSLAV LAWS IS NO MORE CURTAILED FOR JEHOVAH WITNESSES THAN IT IS FOR ANY OTHER ESTABLISHED RELIGION. HOWEVER, LAWS AND REGULATIONS ARE RESTRICTIVE. RELIGIOUS PRACTICES MUST BE CARRIED ON ONLY IN AUTHORIZED, SPECIFIC LOCATIONS - NOT IN HOMES, DOOR TO DOOR OR ON STREET CORNERS. PUBLIC PROSELYTIZING IS PROHIBITED BY LAW AS IS DISTRIBUTION OF UNAUTHORIZED RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA.

3. EMBASSY QUESTIONS WHETHER MR. CIOATA WAS ACTUALLY THREATENED WITH LOSS OF JOB BECAUSE OF BEING A JEHOVA WITNESS. THERE WOULD BE JOBS NOT OPEN TO HIM BECAUSE OF HIS MEMBERSHIP IN A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, HOWEVER. TOP LEVEL JOBS USUALLY ARE FILLED

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ONLY WITH COMMUNIST PARTY (SKJ) MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP IN PARTY IS NOT OPEN TO THOSE WHO OPENLY PRACTICE A RELIGION.
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